



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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SCAQMD Issues Smoke Advisory for Fire Burning in the Big Bear Lake area

This advisory is in effect today, June 20, 2017 through June 21, 2017. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Holcomb Fire, is burning northeast of Big Bear Lake in the Eastern San Bernardino Mountains. The burn area was estimated this morning to be 950 acres with 10 percent containment. Winds are expected to be from the south today, with smoke moving to the north into the mountains and towards the High Desert. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** levels in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts in the South Coast Air Basin and **Unhealthy** air quality will likely include portions of the Eastern San Bernardino Mountains, including the vicinity of Big Bear Lake (Forecast Area 38).

All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.

In any area impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:
<ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to <http://AirAlerts.org>

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisaqi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

For a map of SCAQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/map-of-monitoring-areas.pdf>

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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